



# TRINITY TIMES



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**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

## CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON AND MISSION STUDY GLEANNING SESSION

Following worship in the Fellowship Hall



On Sunday, May 4, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship to share our feelings thoughts, and insights from the "14 Day Exercise in Faithful Listening" which began on April 21st. Following a simple lunch provided by the Fellowship Committee, members of the Mission Study Team—Brian Griffith, Cathy Holder, Rob Humfeld, Chris Sheriff, and Susan Winkelmann—along with our Transitional Pastor, Ronnie Osborn, will lead us in a time of discernment. We strongly encourage you to be present for this session, as your responses and insights will help inform the writing of Trinity's Mission Study and the search for our congregation's next pastor.

Please be sure and bring the summary page from your study booklet on May 4 with you to the Fellowship Hall. If you can't make it to the Gleaning Session, please ask someone to share your thoughts and insights at the meeting. Each of our voices is important to this process.

The Mission Study Team is meeting weekly and has prepared a survey to be completed by all who worship with us. The survey can be taken online, and a link will be sent out on Monday, May 5th, from Hartford Institute to invite you to take the survey. PLEASE look for this email with the ending of @hartfordinternational.edu. Printed copies will be made available for those who might not be able to complete the online version. The Team will know who responds, but *will not* know how you have answered the questions. This will be another important opportunity for you to share your thoughts, concerns, and hopes for Trinity.

The Mission Team is also completing a complete church "Ministries Analysis" with the help of session committee chairs and the Administrative Assistant. They will also be collecting information from community organizations and with your help some thoughts from your neighbors, colleagues, and family members (Please see article on page ?) After all the data is received, the Team will begin to draft TPC's Mission Study, which will then be reviewed by Session. It will then be forwarded to Missouri Union Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) for review and approval. Once this step is completed, COM will then approve the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

Please prayerfully spend the next few days completing the Faithful Listening sections in your study book, then join us on May 4. We want and need to hear from you about your hope and dreams for Trinity and your next pastor.



The Mission Study Team is hard at work assessing Trinity's mission and ministry as well as gathering a lot of important data and information to discern who you are as a church, who God is calling you to be as a church, and what type of spiritual leader and friend God is calling to join you all as your next pastor.

But as the saying goes, "it takes a village to do a Mission Study"! And that's where you all come in as members of TPC. The Mission Study Team are asking you (challenging you) to ask at least two neighbors, friends, colleagues, family members or a group you belong to a few questions. Then once you record their answers, return this information to a member of the Mission Study Team. It's important to note the WE ARE NOT EVANGELISING OR RE-

CRUITING PEOPLE TO BE MEMBERS. We seriously would love to find out how people in our Columbia community feel about religious communities, our church, as well as concerning issues facing us. So please take up this challenge and let's see what God is saying and where God is leading. *(continued on page 2)*

## Trinity News

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### Mission Study How Can You Help

Questions for our friends, family and neighbors:

Do you go to a church/synagogue/mosque?

If so, what drew you there and keeps you there?

If not, then what, if anything, would draw you to a religious community?

Have you heard of Trinity Presbyterian Church? Do you know where it is located? If so, what is your impression of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

What "keeps you up at night," in other words what are you worried about in our local community and our world?

If you could wave a magic wand and direct all religious organizations in our community to focus their efforts on one thing (on in a certain direction), what would you have us do?

### Check Out Trinity's Website for Useful Information ([www.trinity-presbyterian.org](http://www.trinity-presbyterian.org))

Here are a few of the things you can find on Trinity's website:

- ◆ The church calendar. This online version of our church activities calendar is always up to date. Just click on the "View Calendar Button" on the homepage and you can find out what's scheduled—not just for the current month but in coming months, too.
- ◆ The most recent worship service video. Just scroll down on the home page and you'll find the past Sunday's service. If you missed Sunday worship or don't use Facebook, you can always watch the service. (It just won't be "live.") You can also see past worship service videos by going to the "Worship" menu tab and choosing "Worship Service Videos."
- ◆ Other upcoming events. You can find information about upcoming activities by clicking on the "Upcoming Events" button.
- ◆ Online giving. Use the "Give" menu option, then "Give Now" followed by "Donate". Then set up an account or login if you're already set up.

Check out the site and let us know how we can make it better.

### A Note about the Friday Newsletter:

By now, you should have had a chance to experience the new format for our Friday newsletter. A number of people could no longer receive the "mass" Friday email due to stronger security filters which either blocked the mailing or marked it as spam. The new program we are using prevents these problems from happening. If you don't see the pictures, just click on the "View this email in your browser" statement above the triquetra, and the pictures should display. Group emails will now be sent in this new format.



### May News for Presbyterian Women

Happy May! Another year of fellowship and study has rolled by and circles will meet for the last time until fall. Both circles will discuss Lesson 9, "Sustaining Creation's Health for All" in our *Let Justice Roll Down* study book.

**Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, May 6, at D'Rowes at 6:30 p.m.** for dinner; and, after dinner, Ann Bouchard will host the group at her home where you will enjoy dessert and have the Bible Study.

**Afternoon Circle will meet, Wednesday, May 7, at 12 Noon**, in the Fellowship Hall where we will share a "bring-in finger-food/salad lunch" and then have the Bible study and a brief business meeting.

Please watch for further details in e-mail from your circle chair. If you are not already in a circle and would like to like to join one, please contact me, so we know how many Bible study books to order. The 2025-2026 Bible Study is *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. In this Bible study we will explore resilience as modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers as well as Jesus.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Charlotte Larrick,  
PW Coordinator, 573-447-0552 or 573-808-5927

### ForColumbia 2025

Trinity Presbyterian's Mission Committee would like to give a big shout out to our volunteers who participated in ForColumbia on April 26th. Our group volunteered to devote a Saturday to work at one of the nearly 100 Columbia sites.



Crew members were Ann Bouchard, Karen Neely, Anne Seymour, Chris Sheriff, Bob Winkelmann, Bill and Sue Young.

Our team joined over 2,000 volunteers from 57 partner churches. They were assigned to work at Room at the Inn which is the facility where Loaves and Fishes serves meals. Tasks included deep cleaning the large kitchen, painting several areas, and organizing items in the outdoor sheds.

THANK YOU to our volunteers for representing Trinity in this annual citywide project of neighbor helping neighbor.

# IMPORTANT

Dear Trinity Family,

Recently, several pastor colleagues of mine have shared that some of their members have been the target of church-specific scams. I think recently this has happened here at Trinity and has happened at my previous church. So, I'm writing to alert you about these increasingly common church scams and how to protect yourself.

## How The Scam Works

Scammers impersonate me (or church staff) through text messages, emails, or social media accounts with messages like:

*"Hi, this is Pastor Ronnie. I'm in a meeting and can't talk, but I need your help with something urgent. Could you purchase some gift cards for a church member in crisis? I'll pay you back later."*

Or they have texted: *"Hi this Ronnie, can you talk?"* And if you reply they respond, *Could you purchase some gift cards for a church member in crisis? I'll pay you back later."*

These messages create artificial urgency and request unusual payment methods (typically gift cards) because they're untraceable. The scammer may use personal details they've gathered about you or our church to seem legitimate.

## Red Flags to Watch For

- Urgent requests for money, especially via gift cards
- Claims they "can't talk on the phone right now"
- Messages from email addresses or phone numbers **not matching** my official contact information
- Requests that seem out of character for me or our church

## How to Protect Yourself

First, know that I will never contact you asking for money or gift cards. Trinity has secure and effective systems in place to help people in need, even on short notice, and none of those involve me (or any church staff) asking you for money. If you get a message through an unusual medium, always verify directly with the church through known contact methods.

## A Note About Our Directory

Our church directory is for community connection, not for marketing or solicitation. Please don't share it with those outside our congregation. When scammers obtain these directories, they gain names, contact information, and sometimes details about relationships within our church.

## If You've Been Contacted

If you've received one of these messages, don't be embarrassed—these scammers are increasingly sophisticated. Please let Ann or me know so we can alert others.

Remember: **I will never contact you out of the blue asking for gift cards or immediate financial assistance.**

As Presbyterians, we value both community care AND thoughtful discernment. Let's practice both as we protect one another from those who would exploit our generosity.

Peace,  
Ronnie



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 5:15pm Choir Potluck - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 10:00am Called Presbytery Mtg (Zoom)	2 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	3
4 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Congregational Gleaning Session & Lunch	5 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Committee (Zoom)	6 7:00pm Evening Circle	7 12:00pm Afternoon Circle (FH) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes-Ashley St. Center	9 9:30am Women's Coffee Club 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	10 1:00pm AAUW Book Club
11 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	12 1:00am Garden Club 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 7:00pm Christian Education Committee 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	14 8:00am Men's Breakfast-JJ's Café 10:00am University Fortnightly Club 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 3:00pm Property Committee	16 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	17
18 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	19 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Spring Court of Honor	20 Presbytery Mtg in Moberly 7:00pm Session	21 11:00am The Wardrobe 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee (Zoom)	23 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	24 10:00am Fiber Fellowship
25 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time (Reception Honoring Jim West) 2:30pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor	26 <b>Church Office Closed for Memorial Day</b>	27 11:00am Missouri Symphony League 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers 7:00pm Technology Committee	28 10:00am Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12)	29	30 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	31

## May Worship Schedule

**\* Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
**Preaching:** Rev. Ronnie Osborn

**\* Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Preaching:** Rev. Ronnie Osborn

**\* Sunday, May 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

**Preaching:** Rev. Ronnie Osborn  
**Special music by our Scholarship Singers**

**\* Sunday, May 25, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

**Preaching:** Rev. Ronnie Osborn  
**Reception following worship honoring Jim West**



## Trinity News



*Be a "Joiner". Build connections by joining one of these small groups:*



**Fiber Fellowship** - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month, (May 24) 10:00 a.m. - noon, in the Youth Room. Bring your needlecrafts. Karen Neely and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

**Geocaching** - Delbert Botes and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

**Dining Out**—Cathy and Larry Holder are contacts. The group gathers about once a month after church for lunch at local restaurants.



**Men's Breakfast** - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (May 14) at 8 a.m. at JJ's Café, 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men of Trinity are invited.

**Senior Singles** - Arranges activities 6 -8 times a year. Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

**Mahjong Group** - Meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

**Women's Coffee Group** - Meets the second Friday of each month (May 9) to socialize at Love Coffee on the Business Loop, 9:30 am. All women are invited!



### Highlights from the April Stated Session Meeting

- ◆ Approved the use of the sanctuary on Saturday, June 28, for a memorial service for Carolyn Doll, a member of Columbia's Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).
- ◆ Approved a motion from the Mission and Outreach Committee to allow a representative from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to set up a table in the Fellowship Hall on an upcoming Sunday with information about the Osher program.
- ◆ Unanimously approved a motion directing Rev. Osborn to draft a letter to our State Senators and Representatives in opposition to a section of a proposed bill (SB77) which would allow concealed carry permit holders to carry a weapon into a place of religious worship *without* the consent of the minister or religious organization.
- ◆ Received the March 2025 financial report from Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard:
 

March 2025 Income	\$ 33,603.24
March 2025 Expenses	\$ 26,233.44
1st Qtr Income	\$148,982.61
1st Qtr Expenses	\$ 87,633.69
Excess Income/Exp.	\$ 61,348.92
- ◆ Heard a report from the Technology Committee that they will be working to set up Sunday morning live-streaming through YouTube;
- ◆ Received information from Christian Education Chair Chris Sheriff that new classroom furnishings had been purchased for the middle school classroom.

## Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands



We are looking forward to serving  
next on

**Thursday, May 8**

**4:30 to 5:45 p.m.**

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve. We are always grateful for monetary donations as well.

Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 and those helping to serve will need to be at the Ashley Street Center by 3:30 for prep work.

Please call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.

### The Wardrobe:

Columbia's all  
volunteer,  
non-profit thrift store



A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour.

*Trinity's day to work is*  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
*and volunteers are needed for the*  
**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.**

## Trinity News



Our sympathy is extended to Thelma Hewett and her family on the death of her husband of sixty-five years, John, who died on April 15 in Storm Lake, Iowa. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Saturday, June 21, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Rim Massey and Rev. Ronnie Osborn officiating. A luncheon reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. The family will receive visitors at the church an hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity. Expression of sympathy can be sent to Thelma at 201 Sunrise Park Rd., Unit #201, Storm Lake, IA 50588.

## Prayer Requests

### Recent Prayer Requests

**Bill Kennedy**— Recovering from heart surgery— now at home and will begin physical therapy soon.

**Jerin Holder**, Larry and Cathy's 48 year-old nephew, is in the ICU at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He is in critical condition and will be placed on hospice care this week.

**Jim West**— continuing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Jim would enjoy short visits on Friday afternoons. Please call first.

#### **Other notes:**

**Karen Kennedy's** knee replacement surgery will be May 8.

**Bob Winkelmann** will have surgery on May 8.

**Cathy Stubbs** is doing exceptionally well after hip replacement surgery.

### Long Term Prayer Requests

**Lou Boka** - father of Samantha Boka (George)

**Paul Conditt** - Sarah Humfeld's father, who has health issues

**Esther Muench Plonk** - Jim Muench's mother, on hospice

**Anne & Webb Stahr**—living at Lake George Assisted Living on Richland Rd. They would appreciate prayers and visits.



### Trinity Library

Book Highlight  
with Marianne Fues,  
Trinity Librarian

### Chicken Soup for the Soul : Random Acts of Kindness : 101 Stories of Compassion and Paying It Forward

By Amy Newmark

- Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. ~Mother Teresa
- Judging is acting on a limited knowledge. Learn the art of observing without evaluating. ~Pushpa Rana
- The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth. ~Albert Einstein

Author, Amy Newmark gives us many quotes to illustrate the stories of compassion, paying it forward, kindness, giving, hope, and receiving.

*Please be sure and let Ann Bouchard know of other prayer requests or requests for pastoral care.*



### Submissions for Trinity Times

The deadline for the June Trinity Times is  
May 23, 2025.

Email: [newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org)  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

The church offices will be closed on  
Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.